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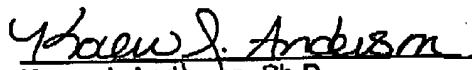
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Serial No.: 10/005,050) Examiner: Mary E. Ceperley
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) **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**
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Applicants respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time under CFR 1.136(a) for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted here within. This petition and the accompanying RCE are being submitted on or before February 22, 2005, the Office Action having been mailed September 21, 2004. Please see the accompanying Fee Transmittal for the correct fee under CFR § 1.17(a)(1) of \$1020 for a large entity.

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